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BRST-074-1(51)
Bridge Replacement – SR 85 Alt over
CSX Railroad in Warm Springs **DATE** May 23, 2006
FROM *Genetha Rice* Genetha Rice-Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction
TO SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

Attached for your files is the approved Detour Report on the above subject project.

GRS/cj

Attachment

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SR 85 ALT over CSX Railroad in Warm Springs
P.I. No. 333183
M. Babs Abubakari

FROM Babs Abubakari, P.E., State Consultant Design Engineer

TO Genetha Rice-Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction

SUBJECT **DETOUR APPROVAL**

OFFICE Atlanta

DATE May 8, 2007

Description and Project Proposal: Project BRST-074-1(51) is the replacement of the SR 85 ALT Bridge over CSX Railroad. The bridge is located in Warm Springs. The project begins at milepost 3.95, ends at milepost 4.09, and is 700 feet in length. The existing bridge is 115 ft long, with three spans. The replacement structure is a 172'-0" long by 48'-0" wide bridge. The proposed roadway section consists of two 12 foot travel lanes, 4 foot bike lanes, curb & gutter, and 12 foot shoulders with 5 foot sidewalks. The projected Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for the year 2008 (construction year) is 3000 and 2028 projected ADT is 4500 vpd.

Concept Approval Date: January 16, 2003. A revised concept report will be submitted after the detour is approved.

Reason a detour is required: SR 85ALT must be closed because stage constructing the bridge impacted historical property. The previous design was a permanent offset to the east to maintain traffic on the existing alignment during construction. Historical property was impacted as a result of the first design. The redesign is replacing the existing bridge on the existing alignment by closing the road and detouring traffic off-site.

Environmental Assessment of the proposed detour route: A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was approved on September 30, 2005, without the detour, since that time the project is being reevaluated and we do not foresee any problems with the detour.

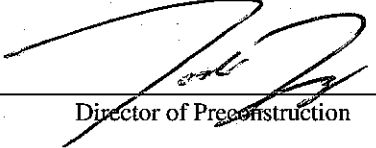
Public Information Meeting for Proposed Detour (Detour Meeting) Results: A Detour Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held for the detour of SR 85 ALT. The PIOH meeting was March 8, 2007 at Warm Springs Welcome Center in Warm Springs, Georgia, where 15 people attended. The majority of the comments the residents were glad the design change that kept the original alignment and less impact to the historic downtown area. One comment expressed concern of existing right of way along his section of the roadway and access as result of the project.

There were 3 comments in support and 1 comment opposed to the detour. The comment opposed to the detour was concerned about his adjoining right of way and future access to his property. A total of 4 comments were received, two at the meeting and two more during the ten day comment period. There were 3 public officials in attendance. There are no major changes planned as a result of the detour PIOH meeting.

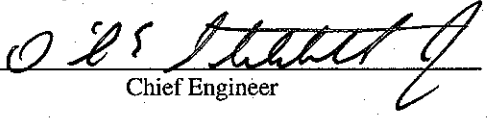
Recommendations

It is recommended that the Detour be used for the above referenced project due to the amount of time & impacts required to stage construct SR 85 ALT.

RECOMMEND: _____


Director of Preconstruction

APPROVE: _____


Chief Engineer

5/22/07
Date of Approval

Attachments:

- Proposed Notice,
- Location Sketch of detour route studied,
- Public Information Meeting for Proposed Detour comment cards, and
- Public Information Meeting for Proposed Detour transcript.

NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

BRST-074-1(51) MERIWETHER COUNTY

P. I. 333183

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour this project.

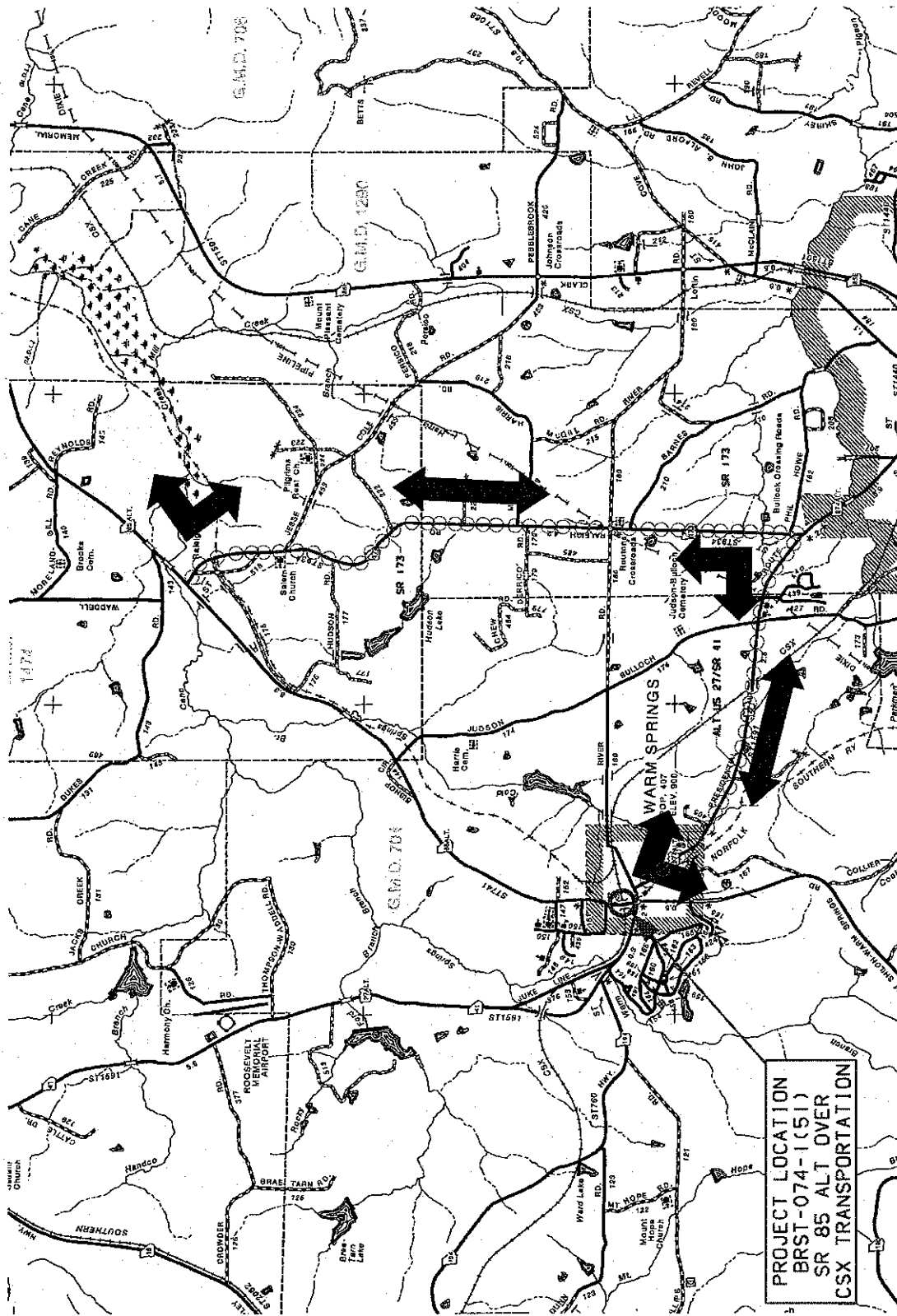
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The construction requires SR 85 ALT to be closed for 9 months. The proposed detour route includes SR 173 from SR 85 ALT to US 27 ALT/SR 41 and US 27 ALT/SR 41 from SR 173 to SR 85 ALT.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Yun Tang
Yun.Tang@dot.state.ga.us
Georgia Department of Transportation
No. 2 Capital Square
Tel. No. 404-463-0290



DETOUR ROUTE
FOR A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON S.R. 85 ALT OVER CSX TRANSPORTATION
BRST-074-1(51)
DETOUR LENGTH - 7.6 MILES



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April 2, 2007

Mr. Fred Woolfolk
P.O. Box 267-300 River Rd
Warm Springs, GA 31830

Re: Project BRST-074-1(51), Meriwether County - P.I. No. 333183

Dear Mr. Woolfolk:

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Sincerely,

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Detour Meeting Comment Card

BRST-074-1(51), Meriwether County, PI No: 333183

State Route 85 ALT over CSX Railroad

Please print responses.

Name FRED WOOLFOLK
Address P.O. BOX 267-300 RIVER RD
WARM SPRINGS GEORGIA 31830
706-655-2093

Do you support the proposed detour? ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted
Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper ☐ Signs ☒ Word of Mouth

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Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Very Good

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Ms. Margaret Long
P.O. Box 405
Warm Springs, GA 31830

Re: Project BRST-074-1(51), Meriwether County - P.I. No. 333183

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BRST-074-1(51), Meriwether County, PI No: 333183

State Route 85 ALT over CSX Railroad

Please print responses.

Name MARGARET J LONG
Address PO BOX 405
100 HARRY ST
WARM SPRINGS, GA 31830

Do you support the proposed detour? ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments Appreciate That construction will occur on exactly
The same location. We were concerned about any deviation
of the road. Thanks.

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April 2, 2007

Mr. Timothy Fowler
5808 White House Parkway
Warm Springs, GA 31830

Re: Project BRST-074-1(51), Meriwether County - P.I. No. 333183

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State Route 85 ALT over CSX Railroad

Please print responses.

Name Timothy Fowler

Address 5808 ~~White~~ White House Pkwy

Warm Springs, GA. 31830

Do you support the proposed detour? ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments *See attached letter

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People very nice at the
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* See Attached Letter

March 15, 2007

Mr. Harvey D. Keeper,

This letter is written in regards to a proposed project BRST-074-1(51), PI NO.333183. I am against this proposal for a number of reasons. The main concern is a 4 foot bike lane and a 5 foot sidewalk for approximately 700 foot along state road 85. The present bridge on the east side of state road 85 does not contain this formula and I oppose this project.

My other concern is that this would shut off the entrance that we have had for over 10 years. I would think that this would fall into the category of some laws violating our rights. I was in attendance to the meeting held on March 8,2007, an issue was brought up about the safety of this entrance .I am in conflict with the issue due to there has never been any accidents or incidents in regards to the entrance of our driveway from state road 85. You may have records to check for any accidents or incidents in this area. Please review these documents.

This project will restrict the income that we are able to create with our commercial parking lot. We do hold a business license and pay our taxes on this property and have been for the past 10 years.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SINCERELY,

Timothy Fowler

5808 whitehouse Pky
warm Springs, GA 31830



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April 2, 2007

Ms. Pamela Williams
46 River Rd
Warm Springs, GA 31830

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State Route 85 ALT over CSX Railroad

Please print responses.

Name Pamela Williams

Address 46 River Rd

Warm Springs, GA 31830

Do you support the proposed detour? ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments Would request Access currently closed off on 85
Between 85 + River Rd be opened to Detour traffic, instead
of vehicles using River Rd Access - OK Route down
Stevens St and temporarily Block River Rd @ Curve; street
is in ill repair + add'l traffic will greatly worsen it.

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